

Testimony on House Bill No. 1540

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Good Morning

My name is Dan Beauchamp and I am here to support House Bill 1540 that would provide an HSA for families that choose to send students to non-public schools. My wife and I have four children. Two are currently in college, one has graduated from college and is in the workforce, and one is currently a senior in high school. We made the decision to send our children to non-public school K-12 education. They started in Grand Forks and we now reside in Fargo. We have been very involved in our children's education and their development of mind, body, and spirit. They all have received a great education that set them up to succeed in post secondary education and eventually becoming taxpaying adults themselves. We have been taxpayers throughout and pay taxes that fund education in public schools while also sacrificing to send our children to non-public school. This bill would help families that choose to send their children to a qualifying non-public school for their education. I strongly support the committee to give a pass to HB 1540. If any member of the committee wishes to reach me for additional comments or questions, I would be happy to respond. I respectfully submit this testimony and thank the Committee for its attention.